

REMARKS

Attorney for Applicant has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-identified application. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of each of the independent claims (i.e., Claims 1, 15, and 30) as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,163,711 to Juntunen, et al., in combination with U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0069000 to Kindo, et al., and submits that the pending claims are patentable over the cited references.

The Office Action acknowledges that Juntunen, et al., the primary reference, does not disclose a docking station which includes an integration device that allows a user to remotely control a portable device external to a car stereo using the controls of the car stereo when the portable device is docked in the docking station, as required by each of the independent claims. The Office Action then points to Kindo, et al. as purportedly providing this feature, and specifically cites FIG. 1, element 112 and paragraph 0016 of Kindo, et al.. However, element 112 of Kindo, et al. is not a car stereo, nor is it a control of a car stereo. Rather, it is a control unit of a *hands-free device* 110. Further, paragraph 0016 of Kindo, et al. merely states that the control unit 112 could instruct the cellular phone to answer a telephone call. However, it makes no mention of allowing remote control of a docked portable device using the controls of a car stereo.

The remainder of the disclosure of Kindo, et al. is equally deficient. As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4 of Kindo, et al. (reproduced below), the hands-free unit 10 is disclosed as a component which is separate from an audio unit 40 (which could be a receiver, CD player, etc.):

Fig. 3

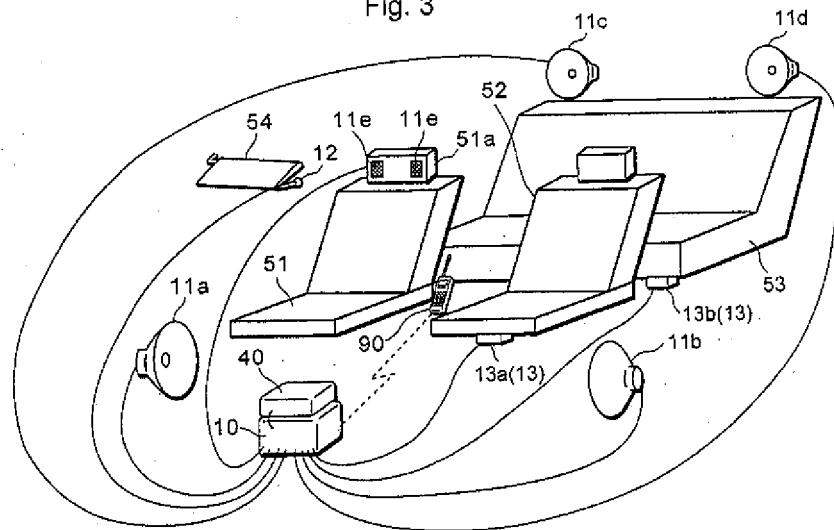
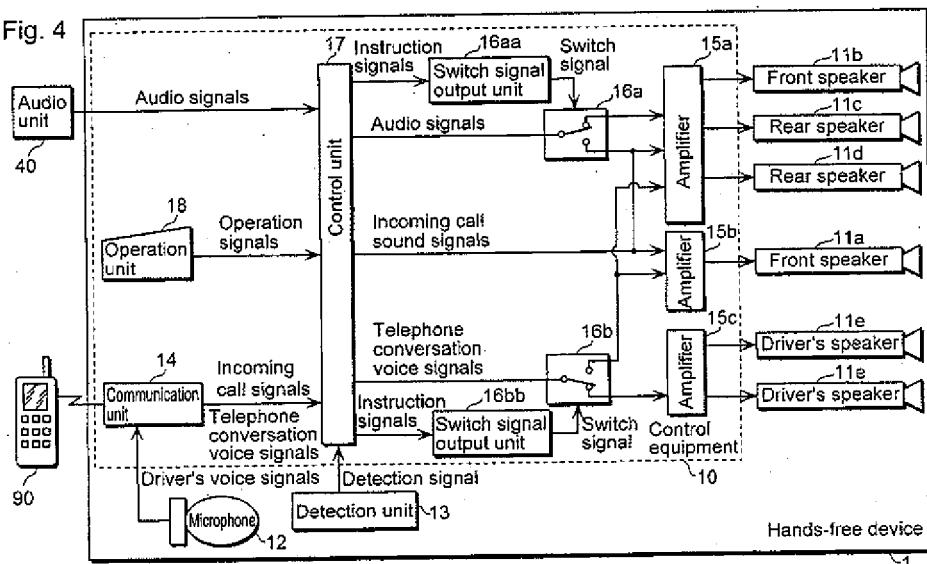


Fig. 4



As can be seen, the closest component to a car stereo in Kindo, et al. is the audio unit 40, but the audio unit 40 has no ability to control the cellular phone 90 using the controls of the audio unit

40. Further, the hands-free unit 10 is not a car stereo, nor does it allow the cellular phone 90 to be controlled using the controls of a car stereo. At best, the hands-free unit 10 is a unit separate from the audio unit 40 and which allows audio signals from the audio unit 40 to be played through the speakers 11a-11e. But, any remote control capability for the cellular phone 90 emanates from the hands-free unit 10, not the audio unit 40 or any of its associated controls. The other embodiments of Kindo, et al. (e.g., shown in FIGS. 9, 11, and 15) are similarly deficient.

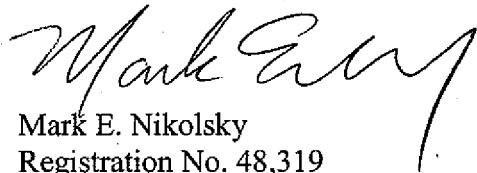
Further, even if one were to combine the system of Kindo, et al. with the system of Juntunen, et al., the resulting combination would not be what is claimed in each of the independent claims of Applicant's claimed invention. Rather, the resulting combination would be a hands-free adapter which receives a cellular telephone in a cradle (Juntunen, et al.) and which can transmit audio signals to a stereo system (Juntunen, et al.), and a control unit *separate from the stereo system* which allows the cellular telephone to be remotely controlled (Kindo, et al.). Clearly, such a result is not what is set forth in each of the pending independent claims, i.e., a docking station which includes an integration device which allows a user to remotely control a portable device external to a car stereo *using the controls of the car stereo system* when the portable device is docked in the docking station.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 15, and 30 are patentable over the combination of Juntunen, et al. and Kindo, et al. Since each of the dependent claims include the same limitations as independent claims 1, 15, and 30, they are also patentable over Juntunen, et al. and Kindo, et al. for the same reasons set forth above. Additionally, none of the remaining references which were cited against a number of the

dependent claims (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 5,897,155 to Kerner and U.S. Patent No. 6,163,079 to Miyazaki, et al.) cure the foregoing deficiencies of Juntunen, et al. and Kindo, et al., and accordingly, the pending claims are also patentable over these references.

All issues raised in the Office Action are believed to have been addressed. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-19, 21, and 23-41 are pending and are in condition for allowance. No new matter is believed to have been added. Re-examination has been requested and favorable action solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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